

Application No. 10/713,270
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 33-54 are now pending and under examination. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-12. No new matter has been added.

The double patenting rejection of claims 1-12 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of the claims.

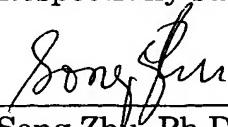
The new claims are directed to a different invention and are therefore patentable over the claims of U.S. Patent 6,681,742.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50756C1).

Respectfully submitted,

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